

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 as submitted in a Preliminary Amendment mailed on February 13, 2004, were examined. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 16, 17, and 28. The claims have been amended and cancelled as noted above. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, applicants note that a Terminal Disclaimer over commonly assigned U.S. Patent 6,463,344 B1 is being submitted herewith.

The typographical error in claim 16 has been corrected. Applicants have also corrected a typographical error in claim 2. Applicants apologize for these errors.

Claim 22 has been amended to overcome a first rejection for indefiniteness. In particular, it has been clarified that it is the "compressed" data set which is being stored.

Claim 24 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis problem noted by the Examiner. Again, Applicants apologize for these errors.

All substantive rejections have been overcome by amending independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations previously set forth in dependent claim 16 and by amending independent claim 24 to incorporate the limitations previously set forth in dependent claim 28. As both of these dependent claims have been noted as being allowable, applicants believe that all claims in the application are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants further note that these amendments without prejudice to pursuing claims of a broader scope in a subsequent application.

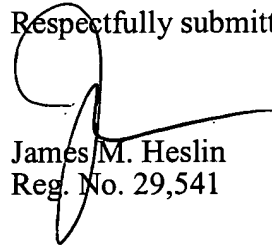
In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance and request that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

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If for any reason the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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